



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Huntington District

# Public Notice

In reply refer to:	Issuance Date:
<b>Public Notice No. 200101147</b>	<b>8 November 2001</b>
Application No.:	Expiration Date:
<b>Crab Creek</b>	<b>7 December 2001</b>
Address comments to:	US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District 502 Eighth Street ATTN: CELRHF Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This notice serves as the Corps of Engineers' request to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to act on Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the following application.

**APPLICANT:** West Virginia Division of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Resources Section  
Route 1 Box 484  
Point Pleasant, WV 25550-9734

**LOCATION:** The project is located 0.4 miles above the mouth of Crab Creek, a tributary of the Ohio River, near Gallipolis Ferry, Mason County, West Virginia.

**DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to construct, operate and maintain a launch ramp, fishermen access and associated roadways. The launch ramp access road would be 41' wide and would extend 180' parallel with WV Rt. 2 before entering Crab Creek. The launch ramp access road would involve 180' linear feet of bank stabilization. The launch ramp is proposed to be 31' wide and would extend 90' at a downstream angle and descending grade into Crab Creek. The fishermen access would be located adjacent to the launch ramp and would involve 60 linear feet of bank stabilization. The proposed facilities would involve the permanent placement of approximately 900 cubic yards of the 2,742 cubic yards of existing fill material, which was previously authorized for the West Virginia Department of Transportation - Division of Highways Crab Creek Bridge replacement project.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register that are in the area affected by the project. A copy of this public notice will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review. Comments concerning archeological sensitivity of a project area should be based upon collected data.

The Huntington District has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This public notice serves as a request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of a permit may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer on or before the expiration date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by the activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected by the activity.

Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act. Written statements on these factors received in this office on or before the expiration date of this public notice will become a part of the record and will be considered in the final determination. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above.

This permit decision will not be made until the State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), issues, denies, or waives State certification required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. This public notice serves as application to the DEP for certification.

The DEP considers whether or not the proposed activity will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act and other appropriate State laws. Any person wishing to comment, provide information, and/or request a public hearing concerning the certification for this project should write:

Administrator  
West Virginia Division of Environmental  
Protection-Water Resources Section  
1201 Greenbrier Street  
Charleston, West Virginia 25311-1088  
RE: Public Notice No. CEORH-OR-F # 200101147

All comments and/or requests for public hearings received by the DEP within thirty days from the date of this notice will be considered. Requests for public hearings will be evaluated under the provisions of DEP Title 47 Code of State Regulations, Series 5A, Section 7.

Persons wishing to submit comments, objections or requests for public hearings concerning the Corps of Engineers permit should write:

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: CEORH-OR-F Public Notice No. 200101147  
502 Eighth Street  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please call Mr. Michael Hatten at 304-529-5710.



Michael D. Gheen  
Chief, Regulatory Branch

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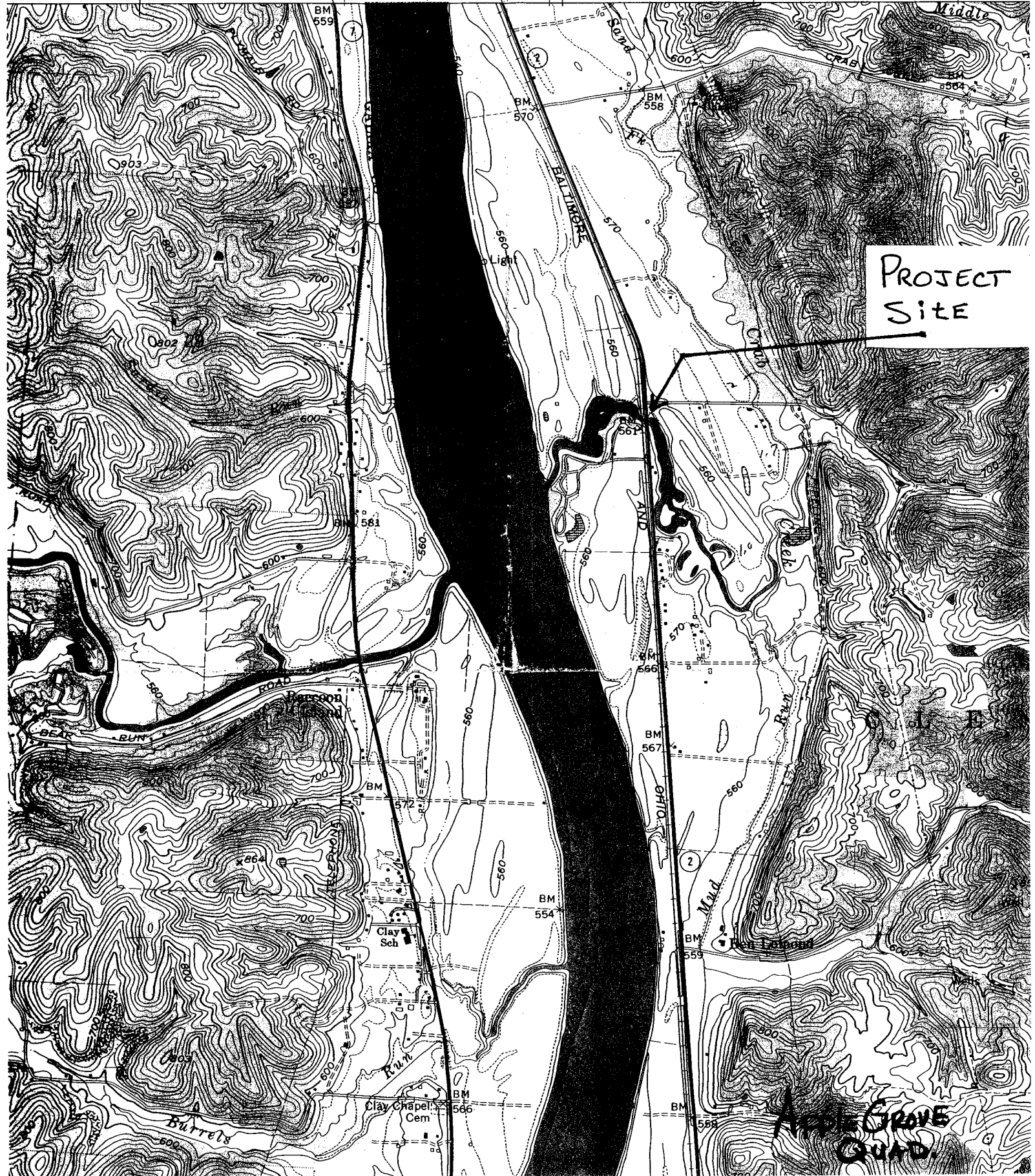
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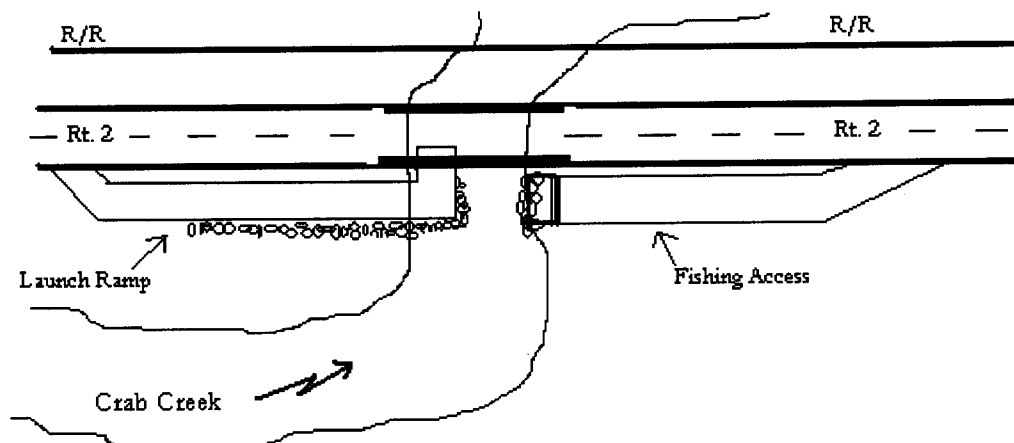
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Lauch Ramp and Fishermen Access  
Crab Creek  
Mason County, West Virginia



### Approximate Dimensions

#### Bank Stabilization

- Launch Ramp:

The launch ramp access road extends 180' running parallel to Rt. 2 to waters edge. The average width of the large riprap placed for bank stabilization appears to be 2' wide X 1' deep (below normal pool elevation). It appears that the Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevation would have extended approximately 1' above the normal pool elevation. Approximately 26.66 cubic yards of fill has been placed at or below OHW.

- Fishermen Access:

The fishermen access area is located on the right descending bank of Crab Creek running 60' linear feet X 2' wide X 1' deep (below normal pool elevation). With the OHW elevation of 1' above the normal pool elevation, approximately 8.88 cubic yards of fill has been placed at or below OHW.

#### Placement of Fill

- Launch Ramp:

The Launch Ramp area is 31' wide X 90' long X 2' deep (below normal pool elevation). With the OHW elevation of 1' above the normal pool elevation, approximately 310.00 cubic yards of fill has been placed at or below OHW.

- Launch Ramp Access Road:

The Launch Ramp access road extends 180' and the average width of the access road is 41'. It appears that prior to the placement of fill this area would have been inundated by approximately 1' of water and the Ordinary High Water (OHW) elevation would have extended approximately 1' above the normal pool elevation. Approximately 546.66 cubic yards of fill has been placed at or below OHW.

The total amount of fill placed at or below the OHW elevation for the Launch Ramp and Fishermen Access area appears to be approximately **892.20 cubic yards**. The total amount of area filled appears to be approximately **0.31 acre**.